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DRIED EGG MEMORANDUM NO. 1

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To: Dried Egg Samplers

From: Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Branch

Subject: Written Application Required of Applicants for Sampling of Dried Eggs Tendered to F.S.C.C.

To secure compliance of applicants for the sampling of dried egg products tendered for delivery to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, under Paragraph 3 of Announcement FSC-450, also Announcements FSC-337 and FSC-95, and as set forth in a Special Notice, dated March 19, 1942, issued by Mr. H. C. Albin, Chief, Purchase Branch of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, a written application form has been prepared, copy of which is attached. A supply of these forms will be forwarded to you under separate cover. All applicants will be required to fill out this application in detail and deliver it to the official sampler prior to the sampling of any lot of dried eggs tendered on a contract with the F.S.C.C. An original and three copies of this application should be made out. The original and one copy of this application should be mailed to the Laboratory, with the sampling and test-weight report. The Laboratory shall send both copies of the application for sampling along with its report of laboratory findings to the office that will issue the covering grading and weight certificate. The office issuing the certificate shall attach the original application to the original certificate and the copy to the carbon copy of the certificate which is mailed to Washington. One copy of the application should be retained by the sampler and one supplied to the applicant.

In the event that the sampler makes a report alleging that the application contains false statements, a copy of the application for sampling should be attached to his report and be mailed to Washington, as indicated below.

The sampler, in every case, should accept the application as a correct and truthful statement and proceed to handle the sampling, weighing, and grading of the eggs in accordance with the regular methods outlined in previous memoranda of instructions. However, if on a previous or the current visit to the plant, the sampler, after proper checking of the candling, breaking, and drying operations, finds that the eggs used in the preparation of any of the dried egg product covered by the application for sampling were not candled and handled in accordance with the statements made in it, then the sampler should make a complete report of the conditions as observed by him. His report, together with a copy of his sampling and test-weight report and copy of the application for sampling, should be air mailed promptly to Roy C. Potts, Dairy and Poultry Branch, Agricultural Marketing Administration, Washington, D. C., and a copy of it should also be attached to the sampling and test-weight report sent to the Laboratory.

The report of the sampler evidencing misrepresentation made by the applicant in his application with respect to his observations and knowledge of the candling and handling methods employed in the plant, should be as definite and complete as possible covering the eggs which were broken and later were dried and included in the lots offered for sampling, as shown by the application. It will be used by the Washington office as a basis for determining whether the applicant has or has not complied with the requirements of his contract, and whether the office

handling the grading and analysis of the product should issue a grading certificate on the particular lot of product covered by the sampling and test-weight report. It will serve further as a basis of determining whether or not the applicant has made any fraudulent statements in his application which may be deemed to be sufficient cause (See Section 55.61 of SRA-137-Revised) for the barring of the applicant from further benefits of sampling, grading and/or inspection service under the Act. Pending investigation and hearing, the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Administration may, without hearing, direct that the applicant shall be denied the benefits of the Act which authorizes sampling, weighing, analysis, and grading of dried egg products.

The sampler should carefully read and acquaint himself with Section 55.61, page 10, of Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 137 (Revised) and also with Section 6, Paragraph 1, on page 12 of that Announcement, which requires official samplers to report any improper, unethical, deceptive, fraudulent, illegal or unauthorized act or practice that is in violation of the rules and regulations.

The samplers are advised that the term "candling," as used in the FSC Announcements, is construed to mean that the shell eggs have been examined by competent and qualified persons before a light, either manually or with a mechanical device, in accordance with good commercial practice. Such candling must have been done within 48 hours prior to breaking on the premises on which the eggs were broken.

Should any dried eggs be offered for sampling at a point other than that at which they were dried, the sampler shall secure the necessary information from the proper person or agency to determine that such dried eggs were candled 48 hours prior to breaking at the plant where they were dried. He shall also ascertain that proper sanitary requirements were maintained during the candling, breaking, and drying operations.

When a sampler is unable to secure satisfactory evidence that the eggs were adequately candled within 48 hours prior to breaking at the plant where they were dried, he should notify the contractor that the dried egg product, under the terms of the purchase contract, may not be accepted, and his attention should be called to Mr. H. C. Albin's letter "To Vendors of Dried Egg Products," dated March 19, 1942.

Superseding previous instructions with regard to stamping each barrel with an A.M.S. or U.S.D.A. lot number, it is very important that every barrel in a lot of dried eggs shall be stamped at time of sampling with an A.M.S. or U.S.D.A. lot number and this lot number must be shown on the sampler's report.

Information has been received that it is the practice of some contractors to place previously rejected dried eggs in the bottom of barrels that are later offered for sampling or to mix the rejected dried eggs with other dried eggs. Samplers should be alert to detect such practices by taking samples from the top of some barrels, from the bottom of others, and from the center of still others to get a true cross section of the lot as it is offered for sampling.

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